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**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin at page 18 of this paper.

## AMENDMENT

Kindly amend as follows:

Please amend paragraph [0041]

[0041] At block 404, the fields 208, ~~220~~ 222 and the respective descriptions are compared, one to another, and validity of the configuration settings 220(k) for use with the application 120 is determined from the comparison. As previously described, the field types 210, 224 determine the type of values for the respective fields 208, 222, such as integer, real number, Boolean, character, constant, array, string, and so on. The attributes 212, 226 describe conditions for the respective fields, such as value constraints, default values and textual descriptions. By executing the configuration module 128, validity of the configuration settings 220(1)-220(K) may be determined with respect to the configuration settings 206(1)-206(J) of the application 120 based on a comparison of the fields 208, 222, field types 210, 224, and descriptions of the conditions for the respective fields 208, 222 that are obtained from the respective attributes 212, 226.